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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-15, 18-28, and 31-40 remain in this application. Claims 1, 14, 28 and 40 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 16, 17, 29 and 30 are cancelled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed study of the application and prior art. At the outset, Applicant submits this Amendment with all independent claims 1, 14, 28 and 40 amended to stress the patentable features of the claimed invention and to distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art cited by the Examiner, i.e., U.S. patent application publication no. 2002/0087704 to Chesnais et al. (hereinafter "Chesnais"). Claims 2, 3, 16, 17, 29 and 30 are cancelled.

Applicant also files a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in this After Final Amendment, since the claims as amended now discuss that the alert is transformed one time from the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) into a communications format that is preferred by a user and delivers the alert to a target address preferred by a user.

Each of the independent claims now recite that the alert engine module receives an alert in the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) indicative of the notification for an event. This alert engine module can be operative, in one example, for transforming the alert based on the type of module device as a target address. It should be clear that the alert is indicative of a notification for an event corresponding to a stored message on a server. This alert, of course, could correspond to a telephone message, and the alert could be delivered to a portable hand-held device, e.g., a pager or other device, which may not have a speaker capable of

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sounding the telephone message, but only indicating an alert that a telephone message should be accessed and listened. For example, the alert could be a short notification indicative that a telephone message is stored somewhere and needs to be accessed at a future time. The alert could be a simple stock market quotation, on the other hand, and easily displayed.

The claimed invention as now set forth in this Amendment is distinguished from Chesnais, which converts the entire message twice, first into a Uniform Media Format (UMF), and second, into a format that is preferred by a user. Chesnais typically converts the entire message and not an alert as in the present claimed invention. Chesnais also uses two different modules for two different conversions, as compared to the present claimed invention, which uses one alert engine module for a one time transform from the SMTP to a format desired by a user. Additionally, as compared to Chesnais, which converts an entire message, only the alert indicative of a notification for an event corresponding to a stored message on a server is delivered and transformed one time.

Chesnais clearly sets forth that the entire message is converted twice, as set forth on page 4 at paragraphs 42, 43 and 44 and quoted below with asterisks indicating the areas of the quoted paragraphs that are not quoted:

[0042] Once a message has been received by a RTA 230 and converted to a desired UMF, the RTA 230 may then deliver the converted message to a Message Manager (MM) module 260 which may be located within a Core Messaging module 250. The Core Messaging module 250 of system 200 includes the MM module 260, a User Manager (UM) module

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270, a Message Tracker (MT) module 280 and a contact profile and location database 274. In some embodiments, the RTAs 230, Core Messaging module 250 and the Delivery Transport Agents (DTAs) 290 may reside on a single network server, while in other embodiments the RTAs 230, Core Messaging module 250 and the Delivery Transport Agents 290 may reside on a cluster of network servers.

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[0043] The MM module 260 may be responsible for dispatching the message to the appropriate Delivery Transport Agent (DTA) 290 corresponding to the communications channel 220 that may be utilized to send the transmitted message to the recipient's communications device 210. To accomplish this the MM module 260 may determine the recipient's preferences (for receiving incoming messages) by consulting the User Manager (UM) module 270. The UM module 270 may have both a user directory database 272 and a contact profile and location database 274. The contact profile and location database 274 may contain contact profile information regarding the communications channels available for a particular user, i.e., recipient.

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The UM module 270, thus, may access the user preferences information stored in the user preferences database 276 to determine how a specific message is to be handled (e.g., converted and sent) so as to deliver (i.e., send) the message to the user's communications device(s) 210.

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[0044] Once the MM module 260 determines from the UM module 270 how the message is to be sent to the recipient, the uniform media formatted message can then be delivered to the appropriate

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Delivery Transport Agent (DTA) 290 that may be responsible for the identified communications channel 220.



Applicant contends that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

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